

REMARKS

1. Allowed Claims

The Applicant acknowledges the allowance of 1-7 and 10-16, the objection to claims 8 and 23, and the rejection of claims 9, 17-22, and 24-30.

Amendments have been made to a number of the claims in order to place the application in a condition for allowance.

2. Amendments

Claims 8 and 18-22 have been cancelled.

The originally independent claim 9 is amended to make it a multiple dependent claim that directly or indirectly depends upon allowable claim 1. The amendments to claim 9 provide for the hydrocracking catalyst composition to be that of any one of the listed claims with the zeolite component of the hydrocracking catalyst being made by the process recited in claim 9.

The originally independent claim 17 is amended to make it a multiple dependent claim that directly or indirectly depends upon allowable claim 1. Also, claim 17 is amended to incorporate the process limitations of dependent claim 22. Claim 17 is directed to a hydrocracking process and the amendments thereto provide for the use of the hydrocracking catalyst composition defined by any one of the listed claims. The listed claims include allowable claim 1 and claims that directly or indirectly depend upon claim 1.

Claims 23-30 are amended so that they directly or indirectly depend upon allowable claim 1. Other amendments to these claims are to provide for further clarification or to narrow certain of the claim limitations.

New claims 31-37 are all dependent claims that directly or indirectly depend from allowable claim 12 and, thus, also should be allowable.

3. Claim Objections

The objection to claim 8 is now moot due to its cancellation.

4. §103 Rejection of Claims 9, 17-22 and 24-30 Over Ward (US 5,536,687) in view of Cooper et al (US 5,242,677)

This §103 rejection is now moot due to the above amendments.

5. Conclusion

In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable. Thus, allowance of the claims 1-7, 9-17, and 23-37 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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